

LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report

2006



“Enhancing the Quality Of Life within our Community”



William J. Chrisman
Chief of Police

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On behalf of the Leesburg Police Department, I present you with the 2006 Annual Report. We stand committed to excellence in service and community pride. I want to personally thank all the men and women of the Leesburg Police Department for the professionalism, commitment, loyalty, and dedication that has been displayed throughout the year.

This past year has proven to be a very busy and challenging period for our department. 2006 began with the retirement of eight (8) of our most seasoned and experienced personnel. The retirements not only left the police department with a void from our valued employees, but it also left the department with a shortage of personnel. Most of those who remained stood up to the challenge and took on additional responsibilities which enabled the department to persevere and continue providing quality services to our citizens. Through demonstrated performance, there is no shortage of future leaders in the Leesburg Police Department.

This past year also recorded several senseless and protracted incidents. From robbery, home invasion, and murder, the staff of the police department worked with a team mindset that has led to several arrests and pending indictments. However, our greatest example to dedication and commitment may have been witnessed during the ongoing search for a missing small child. Countless hours of hard work and sleepless nights have been exhausted in the search that still remains a priority today.

The Leesburg Police Department will continue to provide excellence in service through positive, proactive community involvement. As a team, the Community, the City, and the Police Department will aim for and accomplish a positive, healthy, and safe environment for our future.

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Mission Statement

"To Enhance the Quality Of Life within Our Community"

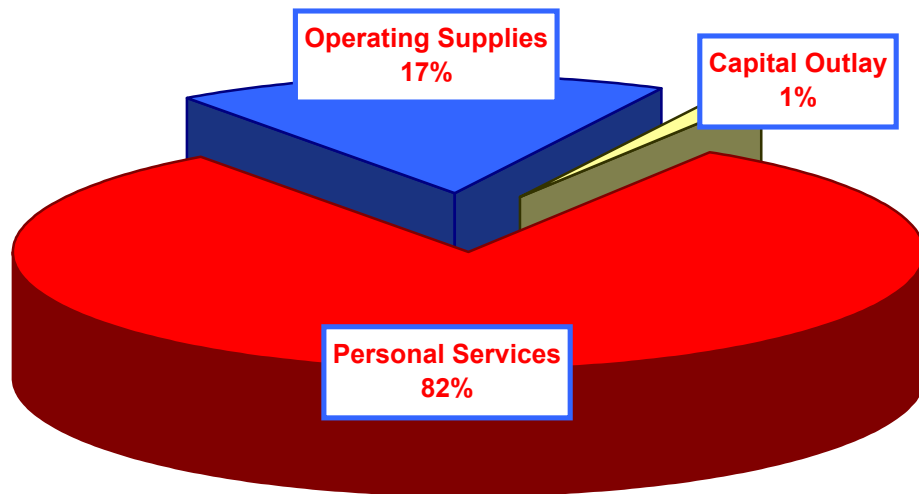
- ❑ Preserving peace and maintaining order.
- ❑ Enforcing the law.
- ❑ Protecting life and property.
- ❑ Reducing the fear of crime by preventative and direct control techniques, increasing public awareness to eliminate opportunities of criminal activity, protecting individual rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution, and providing for additional community service needs.

The active involvement of City residents through the formation of a public/private sector partnership is essential to the accomplishment of these goals.



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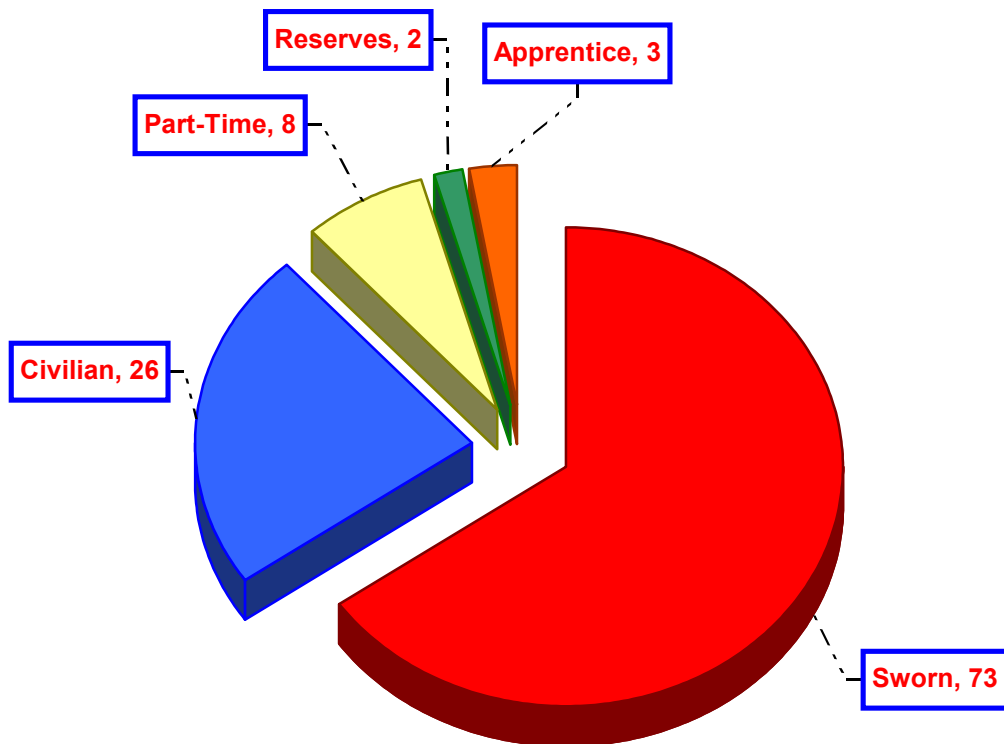
2006/2007 Annual Budget



<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>6,318,925</i>	<i>82%</i>
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	<i>1,369,203</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>Capital Outlay</i>	<i>104,781</i>	<i>1%</i>

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2006 Personnel



Classification	Employees
Sworn	73
Reserve Officers	2
Civilian	26
Part-Time	8
Apprenticeship	3
Total	112

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2006 Monthly Awards



MONTH	POLICE OFFICER	SUPPORT SERVICES
January	Gabe White	Tim Smith
February	Brian Cash	Melissa Inmon
March	David Carver	Susan Wallace
April	Kenny Lane	Phyllis Ryan
May	Farley Caudill	Marcia Clark
June	Gabe White	Laila Gough
July	John Daniels Brandon Brinkman	Barry Wittenkeller
August	LPD – “Duckett”	LPD – “Duckett”
September	Mike Neal	Ralph Barry
October	Scott Mack	Tina Gonzales
November	Brian Cash	Sonja Vicchiollo

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December

Jon Graver

Marcia Clark

2006 Officer of the Year

We have many officers who qualify for such an honor, but a better selection could not have been made. Senior Officer Sparkman has been an exemplary member of the motor unit and is an asset to the department.

Senior Officer Sparkman has assumed everything from supervisory responsibilities to seemingly menial tasks without complaint and has done so with great success. His positive attitude emanates throughout the department and community. He receives accolades from citizens and department members alike. He has worked on scheduled days off to provide child safety seat inspections at safety fairs; he has performed vehicle calibrations for the department; he performs the unfortunate tasks involved with traffic homicide investigations; and has worked as a patrol supervisor just to name some of the essential tasks he has performed.

S.O. Sparkman personifies the characteristics of an outstanding law enforcement officer. His continuous job performance and zeal for police work is second to none. It is a pleasure to work with S.O. Sparkman and a privilege to have him in our community!

Senior Officer Scott Spark



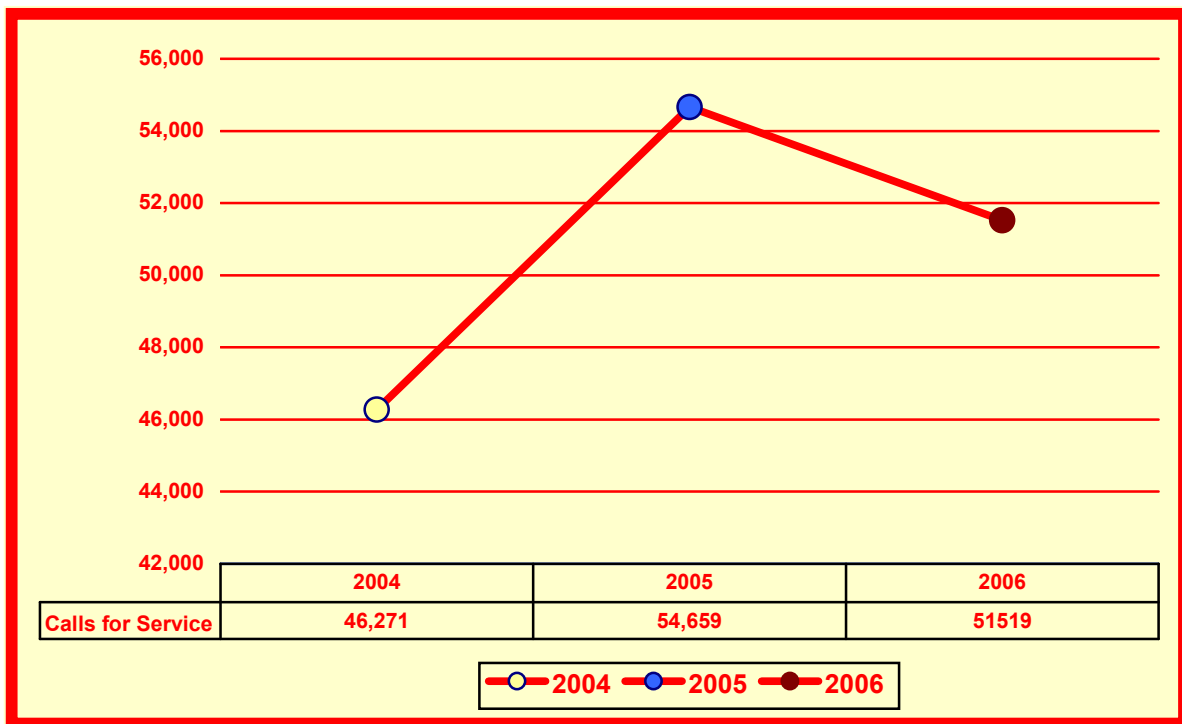
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REPORTED CRIME AND ARREST STATISTICS



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CALLS FOR SERVICE

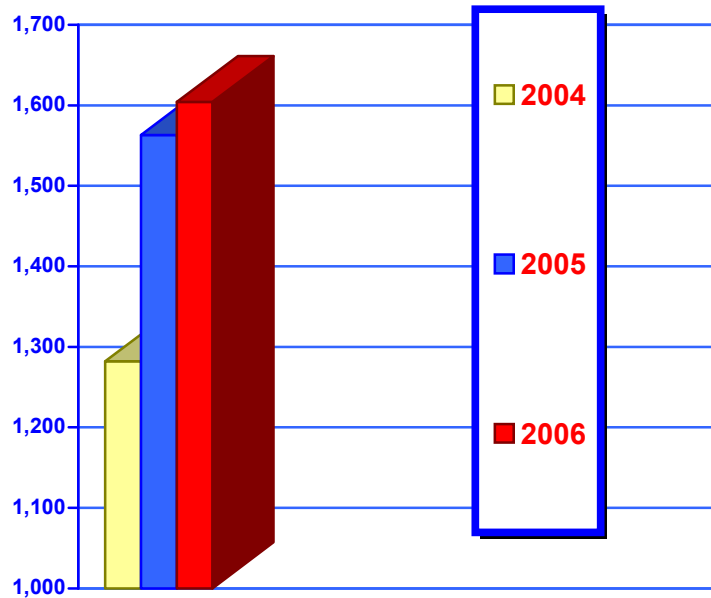


Year	Calls for Service	Percent (+/-)
2004	46,271	+ 5%
2005	54,659	+18%
2006	51,519	- 6%

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Part I Crimes

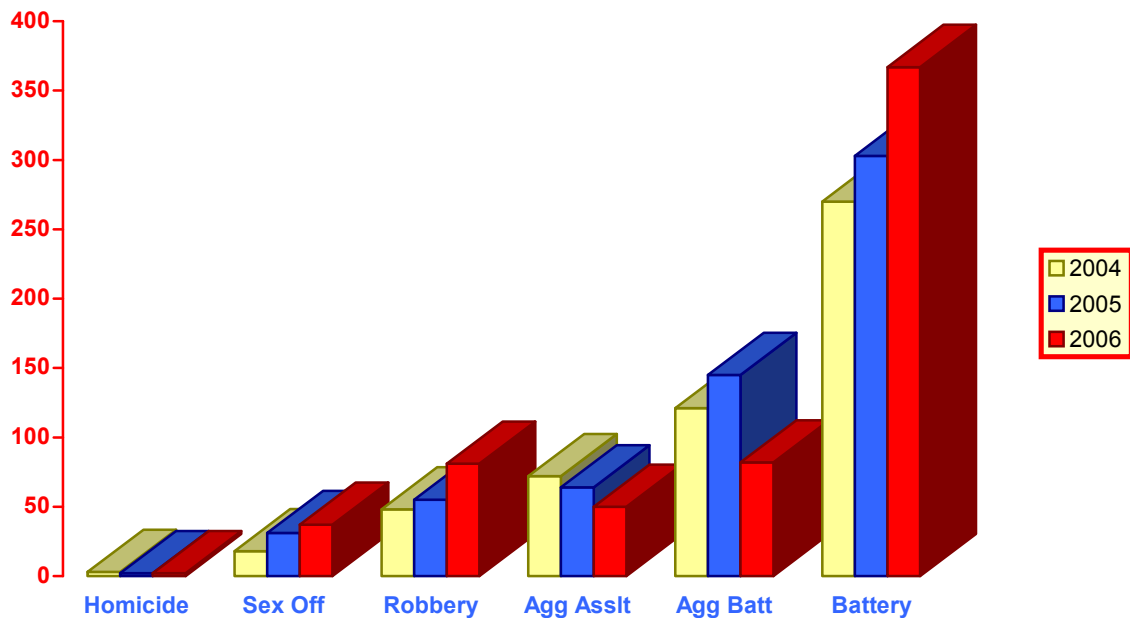
Homicide	Sex Offenses: Forcible	Aggravated Assault
Vehicle Burglary	Business Burglary	Conveyance Burglary
Hotel/Motel Burglary	Residential Burglary	School Burglary
Larceny (All)	Vehicle Theft	Arson
	Robbery	



Part I Crimes		Percent (+/-)
2004	1282	- 6%
2005	1563	+22%
2006	1604	+ 3%

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Violent Crimes

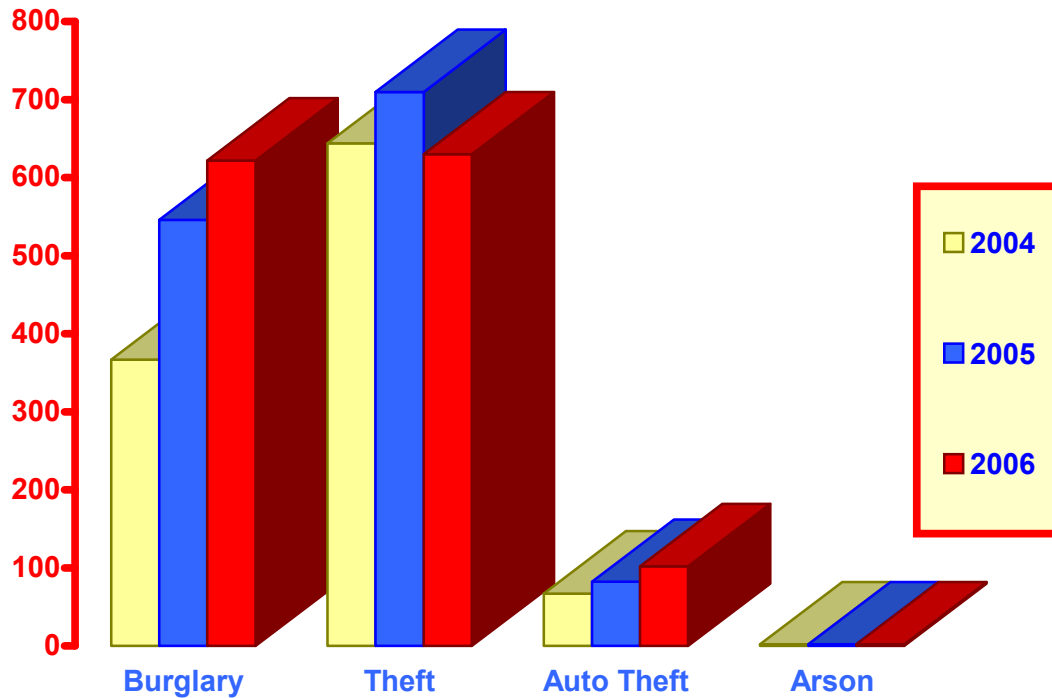


Crime	2004	2005	2006	Percent(+/-)
Homicide	3	2	2	0
Sex Offenses	18	31*	37	+ 19%
Robbery	48	55	81	+ 47%
Aggravated Assault	72	64	50	- 22%
Felony Battery	121	145	142	- 2%
Battery	270	303	367	+21%

*The 2005 report for Sex Offenses erroneously indicated there 7 offenses when it should have reflected 31.

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Property Crimes

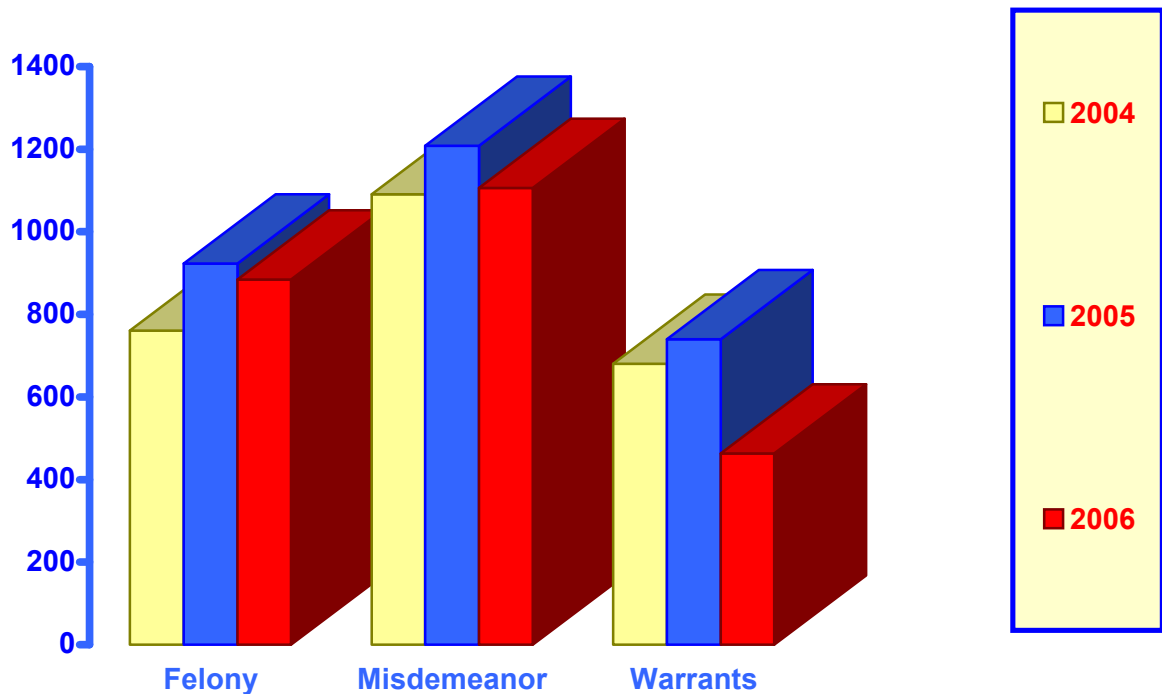


<i>Crime</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>Percentage (+/-)</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	<i>367</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>622</i>	<i>+14%</i>
<i>Theft</i>	<i>644</i>	<i>710</i>	<i>630</i>	<i>-11 %</i>
<i>Auto Theft</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>+24 %</i>
<i>Arson</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>

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Criminal Arrests

The reported crime and arrest statistics shown have been compiled from the Police Department computer system for a year-to-year comparison. Arrest statistics indicate the number of persons arrested, not the number of individual charges made. Some defendants have been charged with more than one crime.

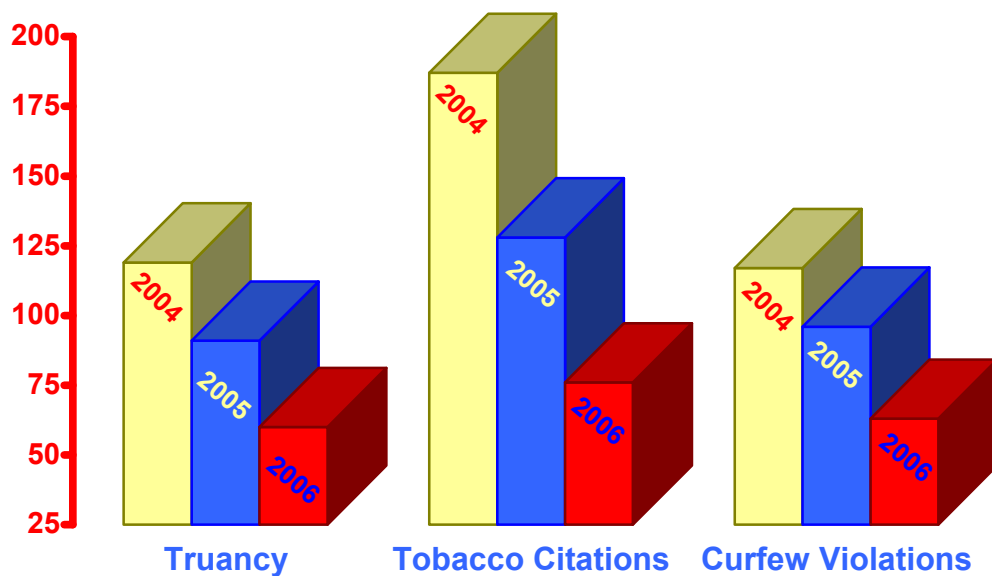


Arrests Types	2004	2005	2006	Percent(+/-)
Felony Arrests	761	923	884	- 4%
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,091	1,208	1,106	- 8%
Warrant Arrests	680	740	463	- 37%

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Specific Non-Criminal Enforcement

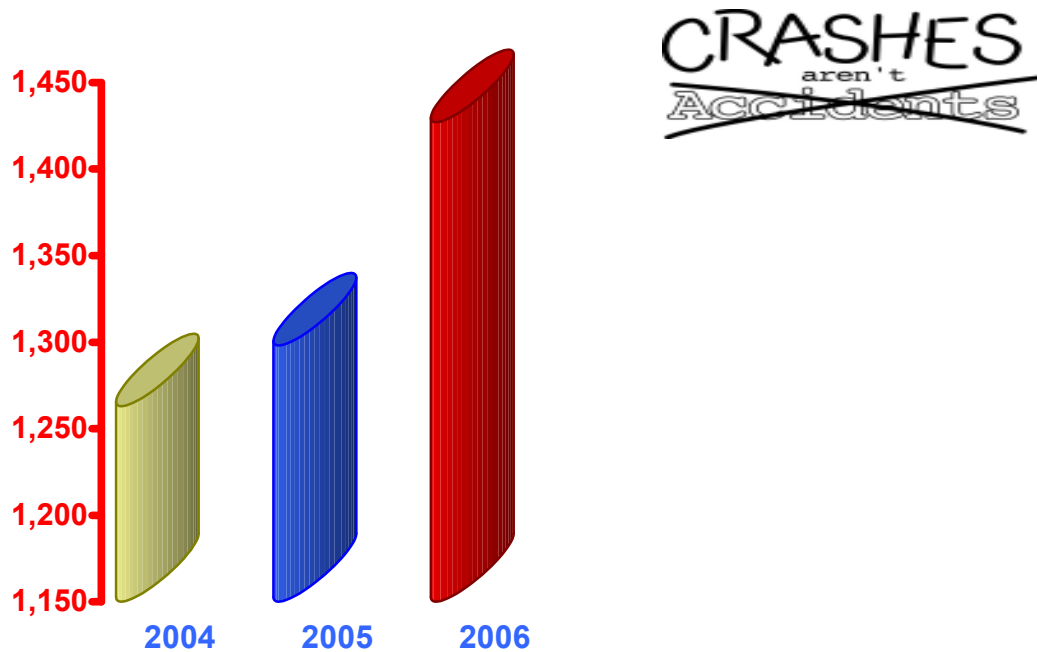
The specific cases indicated below are selectively enforced and specifically tracked in response to citizen concerns expressed to department personnel regarding these violations.



	2004	2005	2006	Percent (+/-)
Truancy Cases	119	91	60	- 35%
Tobacco Citations	187	128	76	- 38%
Curfew Violations	117	96	63	- 34%

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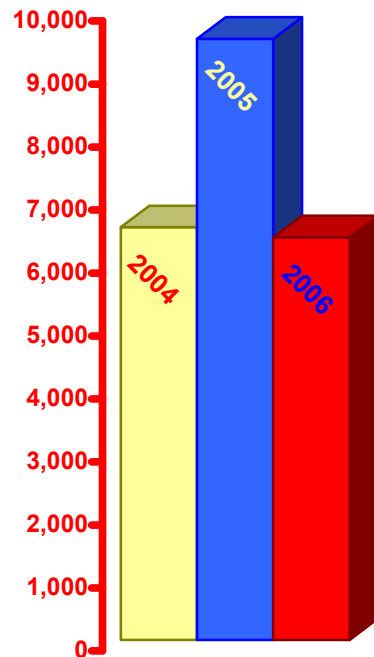
Traffic Crashes



Year	Reported	Change
2004	1,263	+ 3%
2005	1,298	+ 3%
2006	1,427	+10%

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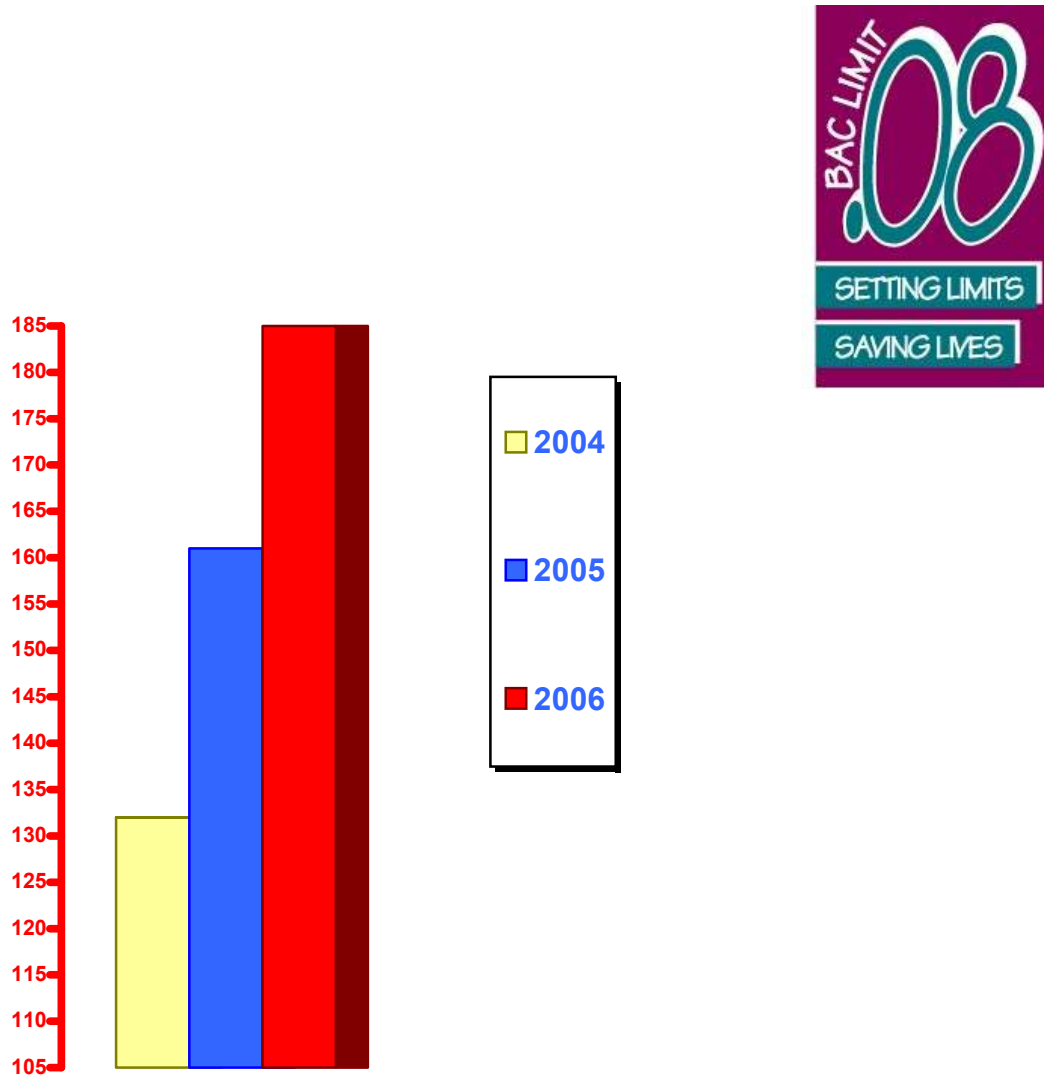
Traffic Citations



Year	Citations	Percent (+/-)
2004	6,554	+ 4%
2005	9,546	+ 46%
2006	6,393	- 33%

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DUI Arrests



Year	DUI Arrests	Percent (+/-)
2004	132	+ 14%
2005	161	+ 22%
2006	185	+ 15%

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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. This division consists of 40 Officers, four Corporals, six Sergeants, two Lieutenants and one Major. The primary function of the Patrol Division is answering calls for service and citizen concerns within the community.

To better handle the unique demands on modern law enforcement, our Patrol Division also includes several specialized units. These units include our Motor Squad, S.W.A.T. Team, and K-9 Unit.



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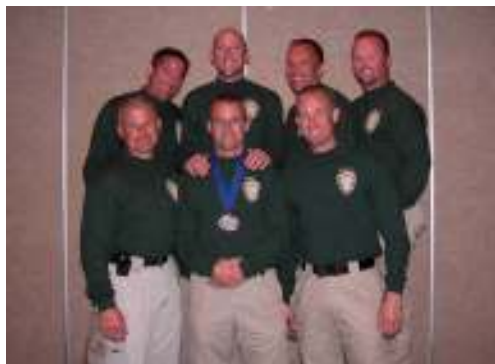
SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

MOTOR SQUAD



K-9 UNIT

S.W.A.T.



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Motor Squad

The Motor Squad is made up of four Patrol Officers who are specifically assigned to work selective traffic enforcement and investigate traffic crashes. The officers utilize Harley-Davidson motorcycles to accomplish their mission, which enables them to move more freely through congested traffic. During this year, the motor unit upgraded the motorcycles to 2007 police Road King models. The motorcycles have a new color scheme to match the new motor officer uniforms. The unit also utilizes an unmarked vehicle for better observation and enforcement against aggressive drivers. During the 2006 calendar year, the Motor Squad was responsible for 18.5% (1,186) of the traffic citations issued by the Department and for investigating 37% (481) of the traffic crashes which occurred within the City.

All of the Motor Officers are trained as Traffic Homicide Investigators. They investigated two (2) traffic fatalities during the year. They also conducted eight (8) preliminary investigations, which fortunately, did not result in loss of life. In addition to their traffic enforcement duties, the Motor Squad is responsible for conducting equipment inspections on wreckers used in our area and all four are members of the Leesburg Police Department Honor Guard.

The Motor Squad Officers strongly support the department's philosophy of Citizen Oriented Policing and have participated in educational programs like the "Back to School Safety Fair" held at the Lake Square Mall. The officers actively support and assist the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) and the Traffic Incident Management (TIMS).

During the year, the Leesburg Police Department participated with other local agencies in enforcement projects. The projects participated in included the "Buckle-Up Florida" and the "Stop Red Light Running Week" campaigns this past year to promote public safety and awareness.



The goal of the Motor Squad is to decrease the number of crashes and fatalities, which occur within our City by educating citizens on safety and proper driving habits.



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CANINE UNIT

Overview

The Leesburg Police Department Canine Unit consists of four German Shepherds. All are trained in Narcotic Detection, Tracking, Building Search, Area Search, Evidence Recovery, Criminal Apprehension, and Handler Protection. During the year through promotions and attrition, two new handlers were selected and are currently in the state required 600 hrs K-9 certification program



Training

Our Canine Unit trains locally as well as with the Lake County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. The lead instructor, Deputy Kurt Dumond is a CJSTC certified K-9 Training Team Instructor / Evaluator. Training sessions include all aspects of the team's capabilities as well as "real world" scenarios to evaluate proficiency. During 2006, the unit conducted 900 Hours of training.

Narcotics Deployment

Examinations Conducted

Positive Responses

Vehicles:

222

127

Vessels:

1

1

Total:

223

128

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Deployment Data

Drug Seizures

Drug: ***Estimated Street Value:***

<i>Cocaine:</i>	<i>194.9</i>	<i>Grams</i>	<i>\$ 6,750.00</i>
<i>Cocaine Base:</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>Grams</i>	<i>\$ 5,070.00</i>
<i>Cannabis:</i>	<i>1147.81</i>	<i>Grams</i>	<i>\$ 6,660.00</i>
<i>Designer Drugs:</i>	<i>45.50</i>	<i>Grams</i>	<i>\$ 480.00</i>
<i>Prescription Drugs:</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Doses</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>

Total Street value of Drug Seizures: ***\$ 19, 060.00***

Property Seizures

Property Type: ***Estimated Value:***

<i>Currency:</i>		<i>\$ 1,290.00</i>
<i>Other:</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>\$ 30.00</i>
<i>Total value of Seizures:</i>		<i>\$ 1,320.00</i>

General Duty Deployment:

Conducted: ***Arrests:***

<i>Tracks:</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Building Searches:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Area Searches:</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Pursuits:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Support Deployment:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>

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S.W.A.T. Team

S.W.A.T. Operations

This year proved to be another successful and challenging year for the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team. During 2006, the S.W.A.T. Team was deployed a total of 7 times, 5 of these were search warrants on drug locations in the city which resulted in the arrest of 10 people for narcotic related charges. In March of 2006 the S.W.A.T. Team was called upon to assist with the recovery of a fugitive wanted for a two year old homicide in Marion County. The team was able to take this suspect into custody without incident.



S.W.A.T. Round-Up 2006

Once again the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. Team traveled to Orlando, FL to compete in the annual S.W.A.T. Round-Up competition.

This year marks the 12th year of competing for LPD S.W.A.T. Sixty-nine teams from around the world competed in the 200 S.W.A.T. Round-Up competition including 17 foreign teams from as far away as Korea. At the end of the physically and mentally demanding week, the Leesburg S.W.A.T. Team came in 27th overall. The team also attended 52 hours of required educational classes while at the competition.



Training

The S.W.A.T. Team conducted 827 hours of in-service training this year. This training included vehicle assaults, physical fitness testing, firearms training, dynamic entry training, and rappelling.



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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



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Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for all felony investigations, narcotic and vice investigations, and all evidence collected by the Departments officers. This Division consists of an Evidence Technician, 2 Vice Officers, 7 Detectives, a Corporal, a Sergeant, and a Captain. The Division investigates an average of 179 incidents each month. In 2006, Department records reflected 2,155 felonies for the year. The Division received 4,661 items of evidence and conducted 17 psychological stress exams.



The Narcotic/Vice officers made 104 cases, including drug buys, Lewd/Lascivious Acts, 9 search warrants, Sale of Alcohol without a License, Assignment to Commit Prostitution, and Assignment to Commit a Lewd Act. The total street value of narcotics seized was \$209,051.00. A total of \$35,918.00 in U.S. Currency was seized during these investigations and \$24,337.00 was transferred into the Forfeiture fund.



Investigations continue on two homicides and an abduction which occurred during 2006 as well as on 5 cold case homicides.

	2004	2005	2006
Cases Assigned	2,030	2,474	1,694
Cases Cleared	1,153	1,248	1,107
Felony Arrests	153	214	144

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TRAINING & EDUCATION



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Training



Leesburg Police Department's education and training programs have proven successful during the calendar year 2006. Education and training are the fundamental elements bringing law enforcement closer to a true profession. Our dedication to this endeavor is evident in the figures seen below.

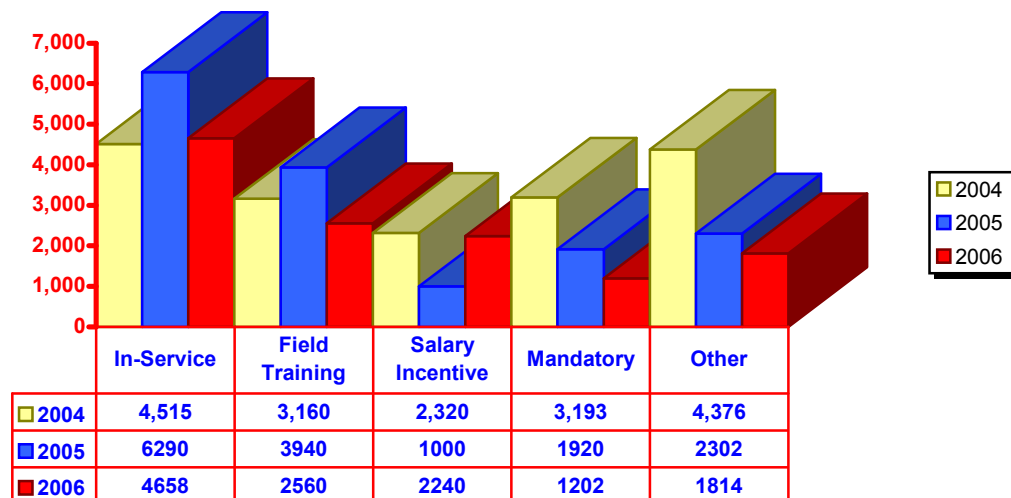
In 2006 the Department assigned a new full-time training coordinator to oversee all aspects of department training. Sgt. Joe Iozzi, the new training coordinator, creates the annual training calendar, keeps track of mandatory training requirements and hosts training for police related topics for numerous agencies within the state.

The category of "Other" training refers to outside classes attended by personnel that are designed to enhance their knowledge and skills in a specific area and often results in the employee obtaining an instructors certificate in the topic.

In-Service training consists of job specific topics which include firearms, CPR, baton, criminal law updates, terrorism, blood borne pathogens, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), aggressive drivers, Defensive Action, and policy review.



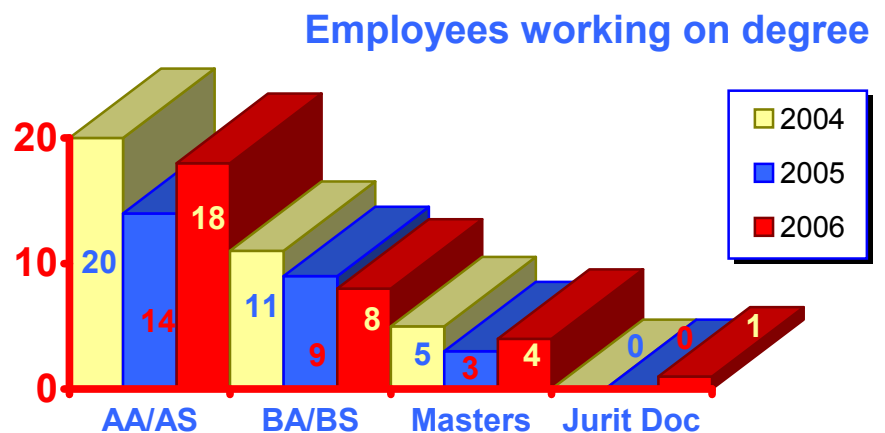
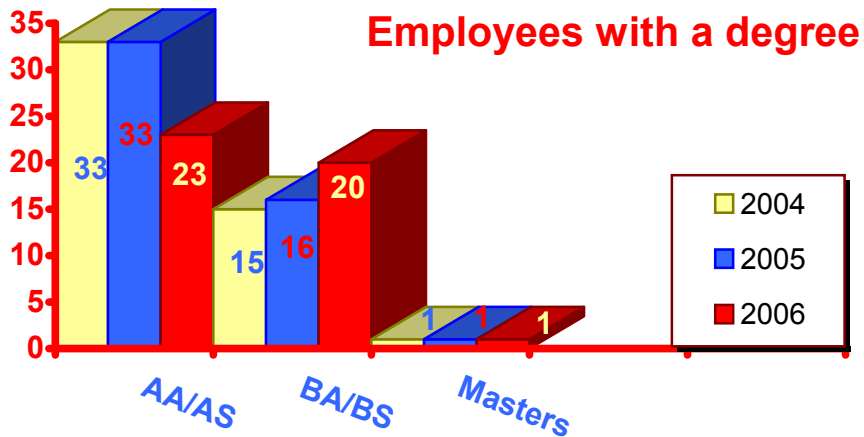
NoteReduction in in-service training hours in 2006 were due to the suspension of training during the investigation of missing child Trenton Duckett and budgetary constraints.



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Education

Department personnel continued their developmental education at the college level during 2006. The 100% tuition incentive offered by the City plays a major role in the employees' decision to attend college. By the end of 2006, approximately 74% of the Police Department's full time employees either have or are currently working on some type of formal college education. The following data reflects Leesburg Police Department education statistics for the year.



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SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Community Services

Communications / 911

Records

Code Enforcement

Animal Control

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The Support Services Division has the mission of performing support activities for the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. The following are statistical reports of the activities of each Section.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

The Community Services Section conducted over eighty-five (85) presentations to local churches, civic groups, and community action groups in the Leesburg area in 2006. These presentations included the following topics:

<i>Crime Prevention</i>	<i>Drug Education</i>
<i>Personal Safety</i>	<i>Child Safety</i>
<i>Neighborhood Watch</i>	<i>School Safety</i>

The Neighborhood Watch program continued to work with the established watch groups in the city. Department representatives met with the groups and provided assistance with community activities. Safety presentations were also conducted for the groups. Currently there are four active neighborhood watch groups and two other areas in the process of establishing neighborhood watch groups.

Neighborhood Watch Groups

ACTIVE

Carver Heights

Legacy

Westside Oaks

Coachwood Colony

IN PROCESS

Leesburg Crossing

Heritage Estates



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The Leesburg D.A.R.E. Officer instructed the D.A.R.E. curriculum to over 250 students in elementary schools.



The following programs and affiliations were continued during the 2006 calendar year:

- The D.A.R.E. program (elementary schools)
- Career Day
- Fingerprinting Citizens
- Leadership of Lake County Media Day
- Black Heritage Festival
- Participation in the MLK Community Celebrations
- Leesburg Chamber of Commerce
- Participated in the Downtown Leesburg Halloween & Christmas Programs
- Christmas Bicycle Giveaway
- "Kritters for Kids"
- "If I Were a Thief"
- Junior Athletic Games (JAG)
- Safety Expo
- Senior Expo
- Youth Safety Expo & Car Show
- Alzheimer's & Dementia Registry
- Neighborhood Clean-ups
- Safety talks & tours of local Cub Scout Packs
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Business & Residential Surveys
- Certified Convenience Store Inspections
- Crime prevention presentations for local businesses
- Presentations to the Lake County Senior Center on elderly fraud
- Presentations on Internet stalking for teenagers
- Parenting Awareness Training (Drug & Gang education)

The following programs and affiliations were continued during the first half of the 2006 calendar year and were discontinued with the School Resource Officer program:

School Resource Officer
(Middle and High Schools)

LHS Prom Promise

SRO Training Program

Police Explorers

Middle Schools CAC
advisory committees

Youth Crime Watch

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Citizens Academy

The Leesburg Police Department Community Service Division held its first Citizens Academy in 2006. This unique program gave twenty citizens an up-front, hands-on look at how the Department is run. Citizens were given courses over a ten week-period in the following:

▪ Florida State Laws / Training	▪ Police Use of Force / Defensive Tactics / Taser
▪ Police Weapons Overview S.W.A.T Equipment	▪ Patrol Procedures & Traffic Enforcement
▪ Communications / Code Enforcement	▪ Narcotics
▪ Major Crime Scene Investigations	▪ Computer / Internet Fraud / Crime Analysis
▪ Police K-9 & Crisis Intervention / Negotiation	

Each course was taught by a certified police officer and each citizen was given the opportunity to apply what they learned. Whether it was on the gun range or in the office, the participants of this course walked away with a deeper understanding of police work and the knowledge to assist in the area of community safety.



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Christmas Bicycle Give-Away



During the holiday season the Leesburg Police Department Community Services Division along with the assistance of area businesses presented 45 bicycles to children within our community. This project would not have been possible without the support and willingness of our business community. As an added bonus, the Community Service Division entered the Leesburg Annual Chili Cook-off coming away with the first prize trophy and a \$500.00 check that was used to purchase Christmas bicycles.

During the summer break the School Resource Officers went about the task of contacting the local businesses within the city to update all emergency contact information.

Communications Section

An Emergency Services Communications Manager was hired in early 2006. John Demarest is a retired Support Services Captain from New Jersey.

The Communications Section answered 125,030 telephone calls in 2006. Of these, 13,574 were 9-1-1 calls, 91 were Telecommunications Device for the Deaf calls/tests performed, and 111,365 were received on non-emergency and administrative lines. 50,660 of these calls were dispatched and had police response. There were 1,062 hours of training and instruction accomplished during 2006. The Communications Section has 10 of the 12 communications officers APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officers) certified.



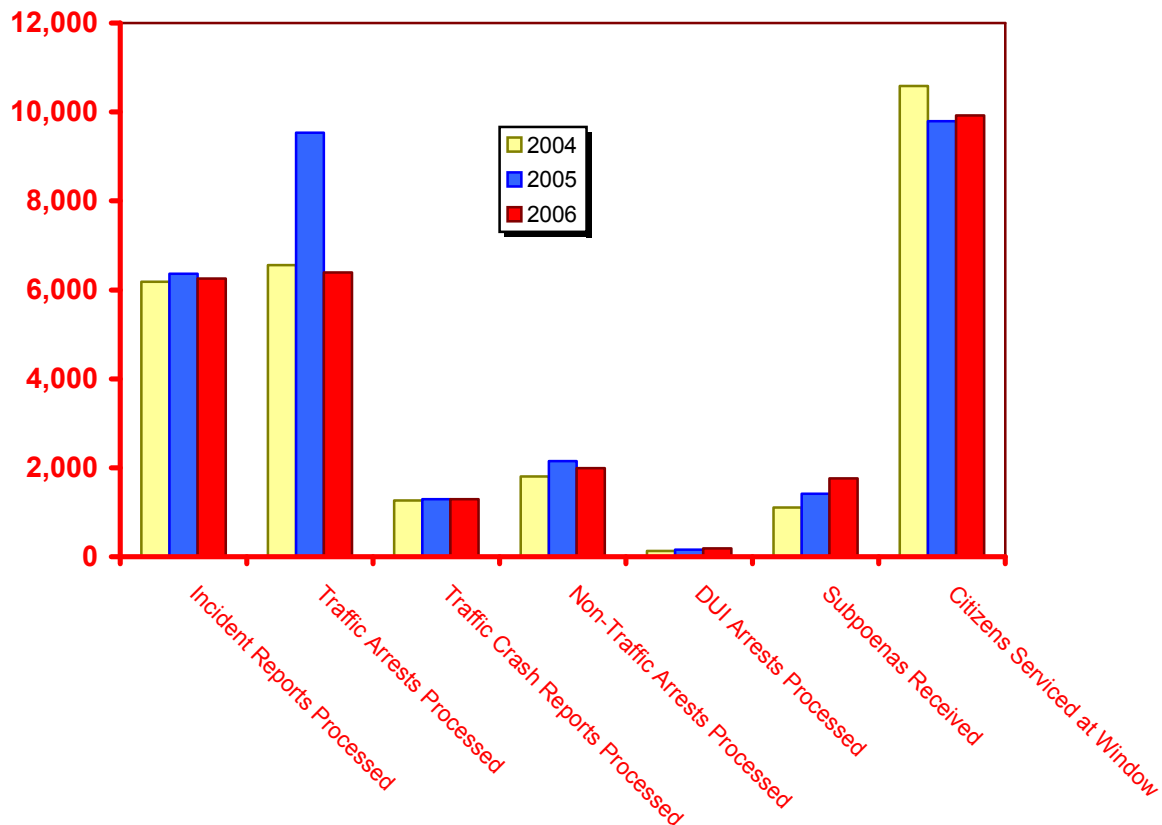
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Records Section

The Records Section processed 6,256 incident reports, 1,295 traffic crash reports, 6,393 traffic tickets, 1,990 non-traffic arrests, and accepted 1,760 subpoenas for court appearances. Records logs indicate 9,925 citizens came into the Department lobby and were assisted by members of the Section.

The Records Section employees either attended or instructed a total of 47½ hours of training in 2006. In addition, the Records Section has acquired a new digital camera.

The Records Supervisor spent the first 5 months of the year supervising the Records Section and as interim Emergency Services Communications Manager.



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Code Enforcement Section

The Code Enforcement Section received 1,566 calls for service during the 2006 calendar year. Corrective action was taken to abate the violations and compliance was obtained. Cases brought before the Code Enforcement Magistrate totaled 77. Compliance has either been achieved in these matters or a fine is running against the violator. Code Enforcement received \$153, 000 in fines.



During the year, there were 96 complaints and questions referred to outside agencies, requiring no further action by this office. Another 116 calls for information and/or suggestions regarding various situations were handled within the Code Enforcement Section and required no report.

Statistics:

Complaints Received:	1,566
Verbal/Written Warnings Issued:	1,244
Complaints Referred to Other Agencies:	96
Info/Unfounded Complaint Only Calls:	116
Cases Presented to Code Enf Magistrate:	77



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Animal Control Unit

Although there was no animal control officer for 6 months of 2006, the Animal Control Section remained active, processing a total of 1,154 calls for service within the community. These calls for service included rendering information to the public, animal bites, aggressive animals, at-large and injured animals. These calls were not solely regarding domestic animals but also included a variety of exotic and natural wildlife.

Animal Captures:

Cats: 236

Dogs: 192

Other: 30

Total: 458

Animal Bites Reported:

Dogs: 3

Cats: 15

Other: 1

Total: 19

Total Calls: 1,154



NOTICES ISSUED FOR ACTION:

Verbal Warning: 80

Notice to Appear: 0

Written Warning: 57

Cases Presented to Magistrate: 0



Promoting the Protection of All Animals